

Minutes of the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of Tuesday, September 6, 2016
Planning Commission, Council Chambers, One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, CA

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission members Present: McCune, Simpson, MacDonald, Chamberlin, Goldfarb, Majeski, Mates (arrived 7:03 pm)

Planning Commission members Absent: None

Staff Present: Community Development Director de Melo, City Attorney Rennie, Assistant Planner Langbauer, Administrative Assistant, Turning

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mary Ridge spoke regarding continual harassment on her property

ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Draft Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2016

ACTION: TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2016 ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MACDONALD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON

APPROVED 6/0/1 (COMMISSIONERS GOLDFARB RECUSED)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1001 NOTRE DAME AVENUE

Assistant Planner Langbauer summarized the staff report recommending approval of the Single Family Design Review project.

Chair McCune confirmed that no one on the Commission had ex-parte communications on this project, several commissioners had visited the site, no conclusions were made.

Staff and Applicant Chapman responded to questions of the Commission.

There were no requests from the public to speak on this item.

Chair McCune closed the Public Hearing.

Commission discussion ensued.

ACTION: ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON SECONDED BY

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COMMISSIONER GOLDFARB APPROVING A SINGLE FAMILY DESIGN REVIEW AT 1001 NOTRE DAME AVENUE (APPL. NO. 2016-0042) *with the added condition that staff work with the applicant to plant two native species trees on the front of the property, as close as possible to the Cypress tree being removed.*

**PASSED: 7/0
RESOLUTION 2016-0050.**

Chair McCune noted the item could be appealed within 10 calendar days.

2015 ARBOR AVENUE – THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED TO THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

STUDY SESSION

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) SCOPING SESSION – 2035 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE/BELMONT VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN/CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Sophie Martin, Consultant with Dyett & Bhatia provided a thorough summary of the three plans that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) would cover - *General Plan Update, Belmont Village Specific Plan and Climate Action Plan including the CEQA Purpose and Process.*

Staff and Consultant Martin, responded to questions from the Commission.

Residents, Sarah Feldman, Daniel Anderson, and Josh Powell provided comments regarding the recommendation of an ice rink as a recreational activity, minor revisions to the General Plan regarding parking, and clarification questions regarding the EIR. No other requests from the public to speak on this item were received, the public comment session was closed.

Commission discussion ensued. Comments from the Commission on the Scope of the EIR were provided to staff and Consultant Martin.

In conclusion, the timeline for the draft EIR, Public Review Period, Final EIR and Future Hearings were outlined.

The Planning Commission agreed with the EIR Scope as written and looked forward to the next steps of the process.

The Public and Planning Commission were encouraged to send all future comments or questions to the Planning Director at: cdemelo@belmont.gov, or by mail no later than October 3, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 9:40 PM

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Colleen Turning
Recording Secretary

Meeting televised and web streamed.